

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	Attorney Docket No. 31132.70/ PC877.07
Bryan et al.	§	
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Serial No.: 09/924,298	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: August 8, 2001	§	
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 19 of this Amendment.